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COE Visit Day hosts record numbers

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COE Visit Day attendees toured the University's Botanic Gardens.

Standing in front of a room filled with potential students and their supporters, senior Special Education major Tyson Neurath declared, "I promise you will not regret one moment you spend at Georgia Southern."

Student speaker for the College of Education's Visit Day, Neurath shared her experiences at the University, highlighting several aspects that make both the COE and Georgia Southern an outstanding choice including the top-notch education programs, atmosphere of respect for others, diversity, and a beautiful campus.

A record-setting 39 high school and transfer students attended the College's Visit Day which included meeting faculty and current students, education degree program information sessions, and campus tours. Throughout the day, many students commented on the positive reputation of the education programs at Georgia Southern as part of their reasoning for considering the University.

Rebecca Chancey, a transfer student from Savannah, explained that she was majoring in physical therapy at her previous school and wanted a change.

"I worked as a summer camp counselor for years and loved it," she said. "When I worked specifically with the six-year-olds, it assured me of my choice to change to an early childhood education major."

Chancy said that when considering her options, she spoke with several friends who completed education degrees from Georgia Southern, and they assisted her in making the decision.

“My friends could not speak more highly of their education programs and the campus, and when they graduated from Georgia Southern, they received jobs right away because people in education knew the ‘Georgia Southern’ name,” she added.

Elizabeth Dean, high school senior from Dalton, GA, said she was interested in the middle grades education program and was planning to attend Georgia Southern.

“Middle school is when students are trying to figure out who they are, and it’s a very influential time in their life,” said Dean. “I chose Georgia Southern because it’s big, but it still has that small feel...and I really like that.”



Current student panel participants (l-r) Micaiah Watson, Hutch Swafford, Katelyn Chancey, Tyler Brownridge, and Tyson Neurath answered questions from COE Visit Day participants.

Participating students and supporters at the College’s Visit Day were treated to a lunch with faculty and staff representatives after which they toured the University’s Botanic Gardens and Old Schoolhouse. They also attended information sessions about the education degree programs and participated in a panel with current students. Representing a variety of COE programs, the current COE students participating in the student panel included Micaiah Watson (Early Childhood Education); Hutch Swafford (Middle Grades Education); Katelyn Chancey (Health and Physical Education); Tyler Brownridge (Early Childhood Education); and Tyson Neurath (Special Education).

During the current student panel, Watson emphasized to the attendees how important they are as future educators.

“In this field, you are working for more than just a paycheck; you are a role model,” Watson said. “You can have such a profound impact on a child’s life, and being a male, I have a unique perspective as these students need to see positive male influences in their school life.”

The College of Education hosts Visit Day twice each year. The next Visit Day will be held on February 3, 2017. For more information, visit <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/visit/on-campus-events/> and select “major-specific visits.”

To view photographs taken during the recent Visit Day, visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/georgiasouthernuniversitycollegeofeducation/>